REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 7, 1846.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

TREASURER'S OFFICE, Feb. 7, 1846.

The Committee chosen to reckon and settle with the Town Treasurer, from Feb. 8, 1845, to date submit the following report:

Received by Nathan S. Hamblin, Town Treasurer for 1844, from Feb. 8, 1845, to March 3, 1845, including balance due on settlement, Feb. 8, 1845, and $125.00 cash borrowed	$289 08
Paid out by him on orders the sum of	240 88
Balance in his hands paid over to S. Fletcher, Town Treasurer for 1845	$48 20

NATHAN S. HAMBLIN,
Town Treasurer for 1844.

The receipts by Samuel Fletcher, Treasurer for 1845, have been as follows:

Cash received of T. P. Wright, Collector for 1845, before Oct. 2, 1845		$2,131 95
Collector Dec. 2, 1845		573 32
To Jan. 30, 1846, and all other sums including balance from former Treasurer		817 30
Cash borrowed		535 00
Amounting to the sum of		$4,057 57
And has paid out the following sums, to wit:		
On notes, including principal and interest,		
Eve C. Kneeland	$101 78	
Rebecca Hildreth	126 52	
John Abbott	210 67	
		$438 97
Interest on notes to the following persons:		
John Abbot	$18 00	
George Fletcher	6 00	
E. Hutchins, Jr	1 92	
Trustees of W. Academy	24 00	
Amos Day	6 00	
Jonathan F. Parker	16 50	
Eve C. Kneeland	6 00	
Jonathan F. Parker	9 60	
		$88 02
State tax for 1845		93 75
County tax for 1845		365 95
Cash paid on orders		2,993 71
Cash in Treasurer's hands		77 17
		$4,057 57

Your committee further report that the town is indebted to the following named persons on notes, including interest, to wit:

Henry Fletcher	$109 00
Amos Day	103 75
Isaac W. Hutchins	32 22
John Osgood	640 00
Jonathan F. Parker	451 90
George Fletcher	105 50
Calista Hildreth	116 50
John Abbot	105 50
Trustees of W. Academy	420 00
Betsey Prescott	692 44
	$2,776 81
Outstanding orders	37 91
Outstanding claims	200 00
Due Master of poor house	225 00
Amounting to the sum of	$3,239 72

Resources:

H. P. Herrick, Collector for 1843	$16 79	
T. P. Wright, Collector for 1845	13 92	
Cash in Treasurer's hands	77 17	
Military money due from State	190 50	
		$298 38
Leaving the debt of the town the sum of		$2,941 34

The amount of the liabilities of the town last year was $2,809.38; this year, $2,941.34; increase of debt, $141.96.

The note paid to Rebecca Hildreth has never been included in the debt of the town, having been given in 1835 and never put upon the note book.

J. W. P. ABBOT,
AMOS HEYWOOD.
Committee.

SAMUEL FLETCHER, *Town Treasurer.*

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Annual report of the town of Westford for the year ending Feb. 7, 1846.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Timothy Smith, for extra work	$3 25
Wm. W. Goodhue, for repairing tools	1 47
Nathan Robbins, repairing roads	75
Timothy Smith, for repairing the road between the North Burying Ground and Reuben Wright's, by order of committee	28 00
Jacob Osgood, for powder and work	1 88
Wm. Chandler, for plank	4 98
repairing road	5 00
Orin Cooledge, repairing road by Amos Day's	16 15
Bela Wright, for powder	1 00
to extra work on the road	2 50
to two new drills	1 86
to railing Sand Hill	73 94
Wm. Chandler, repairing the north road	8 00
Amos Hildreth, 2d, repairing plow	2 75
Chamberlain & Scott, for irons for railings at Sand Hill	46 10
Solomon Taylor, for poles for railing at Forge Hill	2 73
Samuel Fletcher, for extra work on the road	1 43
Asia Nutting, for extra work on the road	7 00
David P. Lawrence, for putting up stone posts and railing at Forge Hill	10 00
Nathan S. Hamblin, for work on the road	1 50
Thaddeus Blodgett, for repairing road near Jona. Keyes',	1 00
	$221 29

BREAKING OUT ROADS.

Benjamin A. Read	$24 25
Rosel Read	21 18
Abel Fletcher	11 06
Micah Parmenter	10 87
John Hutchings	12 12
David Whitney	13 87
Timothy Smith	10 31
William Laws	10 98
Nathan Robbins	12 49
William Chandler	21 97
Edward Prescott	9 68
Hilliard E. Woodward	12 25
John Davis	22 27
Amount carried forward	$193 30

Amount brought forward	$193 30
Eli Tower	12 05
Anan Read	9 00
Amos Day	7 50
Abijah Fletcher	5 50
Bela Wright	30 12
Joel A. Wright	8 25
Samuel Fletcher	50
Ira Leland	8 50
J. W. P. Abbot	5 75
	$280 47

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES, INCLUDING COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICES AND ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Leonard Luce, services on School Committee for 1844–5	$15 00	
Ephraim Abbot, services on School Committee for 1844–5	15 00	
		$30 00
Wm. Warren Goodhue, attending 23 funerals with hearse	$10 35	
Wm. Warren Goodhue, washing hearse and repairing pall	87	
		$11 22
Amos Hildreth, error in tax for 1844	$1 52	
Erastus Wright, error in tax for 1844–5	1 36	
		$2 88
Joel Taylor, printing blank returns and notices,	$ 3 00	
S. & S. D. Fletcher, postage and stationery	3 98	
D. C. Butterfield, board, rooms, etc., for town officers	29 00	
H. E. & S. C. Baldwin, printing reports for 1844–5	11 50	
		$47 48
Jacob Osgood, services on committee to let out repairs on the road leading from north burying-grouud by Reuben Wright's house	$4 00	
Reuben Wright, services on committee to let out repairs on the road by his house	4 00	
Reuben Wright, services on committee to settle with the Overseers of the Poor for 1843–4	2 00	
William Chandler, services on committee to repair the road between the north burying-ground and Reuben Wright's house	4 00	
		$14 00
Amount carried forward		$105 58

Amount brought forward		$105 58
Estate of Stephen Hutchins (dec'd), abatement of highway tax for 1844, worked out and returned unworked	$4 93	
Horatio Fletcher, abatement of highway tax for the year 1842, worked out and returned unworked	4 81	
Barnard Read, abatement of tax for 1844 by vote of the town	2 64	
B. F. Adams, abatement of tax for 1844	27 13	
Timothy P. Wright, abatement of tax for 1845	24 15	
		$63 66
William Taylor, abatement of poll tax for 1845	$1 43	
John Hildreth, abatement of poll tax for 1845	1 50	
Joshua Whidden, abatement of poll tax for 1845	1 50	
Caleb Blake, abatement of his tax for 1845, by vote of the town	7 80	
		$12 23
Timothy P. Wright, collecting tax for 1845	$34 79	
First Parish, for use of the meetinghouse for town meetings	16 00	
District No. 1, use of hall for armory	12 00	
		$62 79
Asia Nutting, for building 26½ rods of wall at the north burying-ground		$98 00
Joel B. Hildreth, for damages sustained on the road near Amos Day's house		$275 00
Thaddeus Blodgett, services on the committee relative to warming the poor house	$1 00	
viewing and laying out a piece of road by N. H. Conant's	1 00	
letting out a piece of read to build near Samuel C. Tenney's	1 00	
letting out the rebuilding of the wall at the north burying-ground	1 50	
		$4 50
S. & S. D. Fletcher, postage and paper	$ 85	
Levi Snow, digging grave for Thomas Richardson	2 00	
Amounts carried forward	$2 85	$621 76

Amounts brought forward	$2 85	$621 76
breaking path to grave	50	
giving notice of 12 deaths to Town Clerk	60	
Asia Nutting, digging one grave	1 00	
		$4 95
Samuel Fletcher, services as Treasurer	$12 00	
journey to Concord to pay County tax	1 00	
three journeys with horse and sleigh to Concord to pay County tax	3 00	
cash paid S. & S. D. Fletcher for paying State tax	50	
		$16 50
John W. P. Abbot, services as Town Clerk one year	$12 00	
writing two indentures	3 00	
cash paid for tin tubes	25	
letter postage	05	
recording 34 births	2 72	
" 8 deaths	64	
" 7 marriages	56	
		$19 22
Phinehas Chamberlain, 10½ days taking invoice and making taxes	$10 50	
services as Selectman	5 00	
		$15 50
Nathan S. Hamblin, for going to Littleton and Groton relative to claim against Littleton for the use of the armory	$ 2 25	
10½ days taking invoice and making taxes	10 50	
going to New Ipswich to settle with Joel B. Hildreth	6 00	
services as Selectman	5 00	
		$23 75
Albert Leighton, making out reports for the year 1844–5	$6 00	
time and expense to get the same printed	1 50	
for paper	10	
		$7 60
cash paid for carrying returns to the Secretary's office,	$ 13	
10½ days taking invoice and making taxes	10 50	
services as Selectman	5 00	
		$15 63
		$724 91

SCHOOLS.

Appropriation, $1,000.00. Received from the State, $64.82.

Paid Orin Coolidge,	Agent for District No. 1.....	$195 67
" Trueworthy Keyes,	" " " " 2.....	131 56
" Edward A. Read,	" " " " 3.....	93 40
" Lewis H. Hildreth,	" " " " 4.....	105 36
" David Whitney,	" " " " 5.....	144 53
" Amos Hildreth, 2d,	" " " " 6.....	105 36
" Andrew Fletcher,	" " " " 7.....	105 36
" Samuel C. Tenney,	" " " " 8.....	91 22
" Jesse Wright,	" " " " 9.....	91 22
		$1,063 68

Unexpended, $1.14

MILITARY.

Paid 25 soldiers $6.00 each.....	$150 00
1 soldier $5.00.....	5 00
1 soldier $4.50.....	4 50
6 soldiers $3.50 each.....	21 00
1 soldier $3.00.....	3 00
7 soldiers $1.00 each	7 00
	$190 50

POOR.

Paid by orders on Town Treasury.....	$549 58

RECAPITULATION.

Sums raised, deducting State and County tax,	$3,074 19	
Received from the Commonwealth	64 82	
		$3,139 01
Paid for roads and bridges.....	$221 29	
for breaking out roads.....	280 47	
for incidental expenses, including abatement of taxes and compensation of town officers	724 91	
Schools.....	$1,063 68	
Military money.....	190 50	
Poor.....	549 58	
		$3,030 43
Leaves a balance in favor of the town of		$108 58

ALBERT LEIGHTON,
NATHAN S. HAMBLIN,
PHINEHAS CHAMBERLIN,
Selectmen of Westford.

REPORT

OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor respectfully submit to the inhabitants of the town of Westford, the following report concerning the maintenance and support of the poor from Feb. 7, 1845, to Feb. 7, 1846:

Amount of personal property at the poor house, including farming tools and furniture, as by appraisal of committee, Feb. 3, 1845		$ 942 34
Amount Feb. 7, 1846		1,262 28
Gain on personal property		$319 94
Amount drawn from the Town Treasury by orders		$549 58
Received of John Abbot, Trustee for Samuel Dexter		11 14
Town of Dracut, for supplies furnished Charlotte Ditson		7 71
Barnard Read on settlement		1 14
William S. Nutting for 2 calves	$10 00	
" " " cider and potatoes	85	
		$10 85

Received for produce sold from the farm by Solomon Nutting, as follows, to wit:

For 600 lbs. butter	$104 37	
3 calves and 1 skin	11 60	
2 calves and 1 hide	15 17	
88 bush. oats	44 00	
6½ bush. cranberries	13 81	
other produce accounted for by S. Nutting	26 61	
for work for Henry Griffin	6 44	
Albert Leighton for hay	3 38	
		$225 38
		$805 80

And have paid out the following sums, to wit:

William S. Nutting, for services as Master of the poor house one year	$225 00	
Other bills by W. S. Nutting	4 99	
		$229 99
William Chandler, services on committee to appraise the property at the poor house,	$ 2 50	
Irwin B. Wilder, for keeping Franklin D. Prescott 1 year	10 00	
William Livingston, for coal	37 50	
		$50 00
Thomas A. Skinner, for repairing harness	$ 51	
George Read, for 34½ days' work at haying	33 33	
S. & S. D. Fletcher, for goods	37 20	
Henry Griffin, for goods	36 75	
Albert Leighton, for goods	22 59	
Thomas Richardson, for meal	20 58	
" " " work	1 04	
		$152 00
Sidney Drinkwater, for medical attendance	$14 75	
Ansel Davis, for mason work	10 34	
Josiah Webber, carpenter work	11 60	
" " 1 coffin	3 25	
Imla Lawrence, for blacksmith work in 1845,	15 07	
" " " " " " 1844,	13 70	
		$68 71
Kendall Davis, for dressing limb for Mrs. Patch	$15 00	
John Lowell, for boarding and nursing Mrs. Patch	9 00	
City of Boston, for supplies for Samuel Read,	5 00	
" " " " Judith Bennett,	19 00	
" " " " Francis Kemp	17 14	
Joseph Whitmore, for visits and medicine	4 34	
Lydia Wendall, for boarding Patty Dutton one year	30 00	
Lydia Wendall, for supplies for Patty Dutton in 1844–5	7 00	
Eli Tower, for supplies for Patty Dutton in 1844–5	1 28	
		$107 76
Bela Wright, for roller, etc	$ 2 75	
Paid for 2 shoats	2 50	
Paid for 1 heifer	14 00	
Jonathan S. Hill, for labor	6 50	
George Read, for labor and coal	6 35	
		$32 10
Amount carried forward		$640 56

Amount brought forward		$640 56
David C. Butterfield, for meat	$ 9 06	
Abijah Hildreth, pasturing cow	4 00	
Samuel Woods, labor	4 00	
B. Adams & Co., for goods	3 79	
Other bills by Solomon Nutting, as by his books	22 16	
		$43 01
Albert Leighton, for cash paid to carry John Keyes and Judith Bennett to Littleton Depot	$ 50	
Albert Leighton, for paying bill at Boston for supplies furnished Judith Bennett	50	
Albert Leighton, going to Littleton about Almira Kemp	1 00	
Albert Leighton, paying bill at Boston for Francis Kemp	50	
Albert Leighton, services as Overseer of the Poor	5 00	
		$7 50
Nathan S. Hamblin, for time and expense going to Pepperell twice about Mrs. Patch,	$2 50	
Nathan S. Hamblin, time and expense going to Boston to see about Samuel Read	3 25	
Nathan S. Hamblin, going to Carlisle about Abijah Read	50	
Nathan S. Hamblin, time and expense to Stow to move Wilson Cummings to poor house,	1 50	
Nathan S. Hamblin, services as Overseer of the Poor	5 00	
		$12 75
Phinehas Chamberlin, going to Chelmsford to see about Mrs. Kidder	$ 75	
Phinehas Chamberlin, going to Chelmsford and moving Mrs. Kidder to poor house	1 25	
Phinehas Chamberlin, horse and wagon to Groton	1 25	
Phinehas Chamberlin, clothing for Patty Dutton	2 04	
Phinehas Chamberlin, services as Overseer of the Poor	5 00	
		$10 29
Town of Littleton, for supplies for Almira Kemp		42 20
		$756 31
Due from Solomon Nutting	$38 82	
Cash paid into the treasury by John Abbot, Trustee for Samuel Dexter	5 57	
Cash in the Overseer's hands	5 10	
	$49 49	

RECAPITULATION.

Cash drawn from the treasury.....	$549 58	
Received from all other sources.....	256 22	
		$805 80
Paid out.....		756 31
Balance of receipts unexpended.....		$49 49
Due from the Commonwealth for support of Josa Munway,		12 88
Due from Nahum H. Conant, for staves.....		13 12
Gain on personal property.....		319 94
		$395 43
From cash drawn from treasury.....		$549 58
Deduct		395 43
Leaves.....		$154 15
Add interest on farm.....		300 00
Outstanding claims estimated at.....		25 00
		$479 15

Which is the whole expense of the Poor for the year ending Feb. 7, 1846.

ALBERT LEIGHTON,
NATHAN S. HAMBLIN,
PHINEH\S CHAMBERLIN,
Overseers of the Poor.